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26 March 1963

25X1A MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Materiel Division, Office of Special Activities
SUBJECT : Status of []

REFERENCE : Memo for the Record from C/MD/OSA, Dated
20 March 1963; Subject: "Deliveries of System 9A
Equipment" (IDEA-1133)

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1. Although the subject matter of the reference is not directly related to my present levy upon you, it did remind me to ask you to look into the question of where we stand with regard to the installation of the [] systems on the SAC aircraft.

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2. [] told me early last week in response to my query that his office had a copy of a letter from General Power, presumably dated 23 January 1963, reaffirming his stand of 10 November 1962, endorsed by General Taylor, that [] should not be committed over Cuba. Not having the text in front of me and getting precious little detail from Honeywell, I asked him how he determined that there was no desire on SAC's part to move ahead with the installation of these systems in view of Colonel Geary's interest earlier in March on the same subject.

3. At this point I received a constant stream of gobbledygook from Honeywell, which I believe was directed toward leading me to the inference that AFIGO-S did not really have a copy of the message at all, but had merely had its content reported to them.

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4. I mentioned this subject to Dr. Scoville after having talked to [] since [] as you know, is moving ahead on an overtime basis to complete the full order of fourteen sets. Pate and I felt that if what Honeywell said had any substance, we would be advised to tell [] to slow down in order to permit not only better quality control on the

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manufactured item, but also to cut the cost of producing it. Dr. Scoville then said that he was under the impression that he had seen a directive from the Secretary of Defense, telling SAC to proceed forthwith to install these systems on their U-2's. Dr. Scoville was not sure where he had seen this paper, but he did associate it with the D/NRO. In the meantime he asked that we not do anything to deter [] from moving ahead on deliveries as fast as possible.

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5. I would like to ask you if you would undertake to throw some light on this matter by going direct to Colonel Geary and explaining to him that in the interest of economy, if nothing else, we are anxious to find out what the DOD intends to do about the installation schedule on these equipments. I think we can do this quite easily in view of our contractual and security responsibilities with [] on this gear.

6. Finally, I wonder if you should not also link the System IXA question to this alleged stand of SAC's. I do not want to make a giant project of this, but I would like to be able to know where we are going in this area so that Dr. Scoville can be properly informed.

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RECAPITULATION OF AIR ACTIVITIES, WEEK ENDING 26 MARCH 1963

SUBJECT	VEHICLE	DATE	TARGET COUNTRY	BY	APPROVED DATE	ACTION
IDEALIST/TACKLE						
Sortie	U-2	21-26 Mar	South China	Special Group	17 Jan	Weather was checked and recorded daily through the period. One aircraft came in commission on 23 Mar, the other one is estimating in commission 27 Mar. The Paotou - Lan Chow mission was alerted on 23 Mar for launch on 24 Mar. Weather deteriorated and was cancelled early on 24 March. The Szechwan Basin mission was alerted on 25 March for launch 26 March. The weather deteriorated in this area and the mission was cancelled at mission plan time early 26 March.
Sortie	U-2	21-26 Mar	Szechwan Basin	Special Group	25 Jan	
(Sortie	U-2	21-26 Mar	Missile Test Range	Special Group	17 Jan	
Sortie	U-2	21-26 Mar	North China Paotou-Lan Chow	Special Group	17 Jan	
CORONA						
(Sortie (9053)	Thor	21-26 Mar	USSR (Primary)	Special Group	31 Jan	Originally scheduled for launch 22 March slipped to 25 March then to 1 Apr., now scheduled for 30 March. Problems in launcher mechanism.

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25X1A [redacted] TE-69-163	[redacted]	21-26 Mar	China Mainland	Special Group		1 Nov 62	Successfully flown 22 March, take moderate.
TE-69-162	[redacted]	21-26 Mar	China	Special Group		1 Nov 62	Successfully flown 25 March 63. Electronic activity moderate.

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